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SUBJ: GATT PANELS ON DISC AND OTHER TAX PRACTICES

REF: GENEVA 1660

EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL (PHAN VAN PHI, HIJZEN'S DEPUTY)
IN GENEVA MARCH 28 ON OTHER BUSINESS URGED MISSION TO
IMPRESS ON WASHINGTON IMPORTANCE OF SOME MOVEMENT BY US
TOWARD ESTABLISHMENT OF DISC AND OTHER PANELS. EC REP
SAID EC FINDS IT HARD TO UNDERSTAND TOTAL US SILENCE
SINCE MID-JANUARY ABOUT TAX EXPERT CANDIDATES SUGGESTED
BY EC. IF US HAS OTHER NOMINEES, EC WANTS THEIR NAMES
PUT FORWARD SO THAT CHOICES CAN BE SORTED OUT AND THEIR
AVAILABILITIES ASCERTAINED IN TIME TO PERMIT AT LEAST
ONE MEETING BEFORE SUMMER HOLIDAYS E.G. JUNE. PHAN VAN
PHI SAID HE ANTICIPATES WORK OF PANELS LIKELY TAKE LONG
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TIME, PERHAPS AS MUCH AS A YEAR. HE NOTED GATT

COUNCIL DECIDED TO ESTABLISH THESE PANELS SEVEN
MONTHSAGO AND EC FINDS IT "ANNOYING" THAT US SEEMS
TO BE IGNORING THAT DECISION AND EC PROPOSALS TO GET
THE WORK STARTED. DALE UNQUOTE RUSH

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